



## Consortium For Worker Education

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This letter concerns the Docket 11-65, the application by AT&T to acquire T-Mobile USA. The Consortium for Worker Education (CWE) is very much in favor of this merger being approved as the outcomes align with our priorities. CWE is a private, non-profit agency that provides a wide array of employment, training, and education services to over 75,000 New York City workers annually, including union members, New Americans and dislocated workers.

The central reason for our support of this transaction is the expected build out of a mobile broadband network. While it will certainly improve service in the short term, the deal's real value to the public is its promise of a true 4G LTE network to be available to more than 97 percent of the country, including many areas that are presently underserved.

The extent of this new network will include mobile broadband availability to 55 million additional people and cover an area more than a million square miles than presently planned. For a training organization like CWE, we are excited about the potential for real-time, interactive services like distance education. The merger will be more than the sum of its parts; the added scale and the resources and spectrum to be shared between these two companies will likely achieve a threshold of service and innovation neither company could reach on its own.

Of course, all of this will also result in jobs, both in the building of infrastructure and also the entrepreneurial opportunities the resulting network will support. And it is backed by AT&T's pledge to invest \$8 billion over seven years in the mobile broadband network. This would all be welcome news for the workers we serve. We hope you see fit to make that news reality by approving this merger in short order.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe McDermott', followed by a stylized star or asterisk symbol.

Joe McDermott  
Executive Director

CC: Commissioner Michael Copps  
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